

February 1, 2003

City of San Diego Mr. Michael Handal, P.E. 1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1100 San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Brown's Fill Removal Site

San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Handal:

The Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association, Inc. is pleased to provide this Letter of Support to the City of San Diego. Specifically in their effort to restore a portion of the Tijuana Valley on property known as the Brown's Fill Site at 2336 Hollister Street (APN Nos. 663-011-04 and -06), located approximately ½ mile south of Sunset Avenue, west of Hollister Street in the southern portion of the City of San Diego.

We understand that the primary purpose of this project will be to enhance the existing floodway by improving the channel flow and removing an artificial obstruction. This project will be extremely beneficial to both the environment and the community because it will enhance the natural value of this reach of the Tijuana River, and at the same time reduce the potential for future erosion and flooding in this part of the valley. Reestablishment of native vegetation in this area of the valley will also improve the quality of habitat for fauna that inhabit the locale. This valley has been undergoing considerable development and such restoration is critical to its long-term environmental health.

Restoration of this area will also promote a habitat link with other areas that are already part of the Tijuana Valley Regional Park and by restoring this area, the project can enhance environmental education programs and preserve recreational access like multi-purpose trails that currently exist nearby.

Sincerely,

Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association, Inc. Daniel S. Kackert President